

## CalEPPC List of Exotic Plants of Greatest Ecological Concern in California

Species in bold have invaded the Southwest California ecological region, in which Santa Barbara is located.

♦ = Alert status has been issued by the CalEPPC

**Bold** = Invasive issue documented for South West California region (includes Santa Barbara)

### High

- Aegilops triuncialis* (barb goatgrass)
- ♦ ***Alternanthera philoxeroides***  
**(alligatorweed)**
- Ammophila arenaria*** (European beachgrass)
- Arundo donax*** (giant reed)
- Brassica tournefortii* (Saharan mustard, African mustard)
- Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens*** (=B. rubens) (red brome)
- Bromus tectorum* (downy brome, cheatgrass)
- Carpobrotus edulis*** (Hottentot-fig, iceplant)
- Centaurea maculosa*** (=C. biebersteinii) (spotted knapweed)
- Centaurea solstitialis*** (yellow starthistle)
- Cortaderia jubata*** (jubatagrass)
- Cortaderia selloana*** (pampasgrass)
- Cytisus scoparius*** (Scotch broom)
- Delairea odorata*** (=*Senecio mikanioides*) (Cape-ivy, German-ivy)
- Egeria densa*** (Brazilian egeria)
- Ehrharta calycina*** (purple veldtgrass)
- ♦ ***Eichhornia crassipes*** (water hyacinth)
- ♦ ***Euphorbia esula*** (leafy spurge)
- Foeniculum vulgare*** (fennel)
- Genista monspessulana*** (French broom)
- Hedera helix, H. canariensis*** (English ivy, Algerian ivy)
- ♦ ***Hydrilla verticillata*** (hydrilla)
- Lepidium latifolium*** (perennial pepperweed, tall whitetop)
- ♦ ***Ludwigia hexapetala*** (=L. uruguayensis) (Uruguay water-primrose)
- Ludwigia peploides ssp. montevidensis*** (creeping water-primrose)
- Lythrum salicaria*** (purple loosestrife)
- ♦ ***Myriophyllum aquaticum*** (parrotfeather)

- Myriophyllum spicatum*** (Eurasian watermilfoil)
- Onopordum acanthium*** (Scotch thistle)
- Rubus armeniacus*** (=R. discolor) (Himalaya blackberry, Armenian blackberry)
- ♦ ***Salvinia molesta*** (giant salvinia)
- ♦ ***Sesbania punicea*** (red sesbania, scarlet wisteria)
- ♦ ***Spartina alterniflora hybrids*** (smooth cordgrass, Atlantic cordgrass)
- ♦ ***Spartina densiflora*** (dense-flowered cordgrass)
- Spartium junceum*** (Spanish broom)
- Taeniatherum caput-medusae*** (medusahead)
- Tamarix parviflora* (smallflower tamarisk)
- Tamarix ramosissima*** (saltcedar, tamarisk)
- Ulex europaeus*** (gorse)

### Moderate

- Ageratina adenophora*** (croftonweed, eupatorium)
- Ailanthus altissima*** (tree-of-heaven)
- Alhagi maurorum*** (=A. pseudalhagi) (camelthorn)
- Anthoxanthum odoratum*** (sweet vernalgrass)
- ♦ ***Arctotheca calendula*** (fertile) (fertile capeweed)
- Arctotheca calendula*** (sterile) (sterile capeweed)
- ♦ ***Asparagus asparagoides*** (bridal creeper, smilax asparagus)
- ♦ ***Asphodelus fistulosus*** (onionweed)
- Atriplex semibaccata*** (Australian saltbush)
- Avena barbata*** (slender wild oat)

### Moderate (continued)

- Avena fatua** (wild oat)
- ◆ *Brachypodium sylvaticum* (perennial false-brome)
  - Brassica nigra** (black mustard)
  - Bromus diandrus** (ripgut brome)
  - ◆ *Cardaria chaleensis* (=*C. draba* ssp. *chaleensis*) (lens-podded whitetop)
  - Cardaria draba** (hoary cress)
  - Carduus nutans* (musk thistle)
  - Carduus pycnocephalus** (Italian thistle)
  - Carpobrotus chilensis** (sea-fig, iceplant)
  - ◆ *Carthamus lanatus* (woolly distaff thistle)
  - Centaurea calcitrapa** (purple starthistle)
  - ◆ *Centaurea debeauxii* (=*C. x pratensis*) (meadow knapweed)
  - Centaurea melitensis** (Malta starthistle, tocalote)
  - Centaurea virgata* ssp. *squarrosa* (=*C. squarrosa*) (squarrose knapweed)
  - Chondrilla juncea* (rush skeletonweed)
  - Chrysanthemum coronarium** (crown daisy)
  - Cirsium arvense** (Canada thistle)
  - Cirsium vulgare** (bull thistle)
  - Conium maculatum** (poison-hemlock)
  - Cotoneaster franchetii* (orange cotoneaster)
  - Cotoneaster lacteus* (Parney's cotoneaster)
  - Cotoneaster pannosus* (silverleaf cotoneaster)
  - Cynara cardunculus** (artichoke thistle)
  - Cynodon dactylon** (bermudagrass)
  - Cynoglossum officinale* (houndstongue)
  - Cynosurus echinatus** (hedgehog dogtailgrass)
  - Cytisus striatus** (Portuguese broom, striated broom)
  - Dipsacus fullonum* (wild teasel)
  - Dipsacus sativus* (fuller's teasel)
  - ◆ **Dittrichia graveolens** (stinkwort)
  - Ehrharta erecta** (erect veldtgrass)
  - ◆ **Ehrharta longiflora** (long-flowered veldtgrass)
  - Elaeagnus angustifolia* (Russian-olive)
  - ◆ **Emex spinosa** (spiny emex, devil's thorn)
  - Erechtites glomerata*, *E. minima* (Australian fireweed, Australian burnweed)
- Eucalyptus globulus** (Tasmanian blue gum)
- ◆ **Euphorbia terracina** (carnation spurge)
  - Festuca arundinacea** (tall fescue)
  - Ficus carica** (edible fig)
  - Geranium dissectum** (cutleaf geranium)
  - Glyceria declinata* (waxy managrass)
  - Halogeton glomeratus* (halogeton)
  - Hirschfeldia incana** (shortpod mustard, summer mustard)
  - Holcus lanatus** (common velvetgrass)
  - Hordeum marinum**, *H. murinum* (Mediterranean barley, hare barley, wall barley)
  - ◆ **Hypericum canariense** (Canary Island hypericum)
  - Hypericum perforatum** (common St. Johnswort, klamathweed)
  - Hypochoeris radicata** (rough catsear, hairy dandelion)
  - ◆ *Ilex aquifolium* (English holly)
  - Isatis tinctoria* (dyer's woad)
  - Kochia scoparia* (kochia)
  - Leucanthemum vulgare** (oxeye daisy)
  - Linaria genistifolia* ssp. *dalmatica* (=*L. dalmatica*) (Dalmatian toadflax)
  - Lolium multiflorum** (Italian ryegrass)
  - Lythrum hyssopifolium** (hyssop loosestrife)
  - Mentha pulegium** (pennyroyal)
  - ◆ **Mesembryanthemum crystallinum** (crystalline iceplant)
  - Myoporum laetum** (myoporum)
  - Nicotiana glauca* (tree tobacco)
  - Oxalis pes-caprae** (buttercup oxalis, yellow oxalis, Bermuda buttercup)
  - Pennisetum setaceum** (crimson fountaingrass)
  - Phalaris aquatica** (hardinggrass)
  - ◆ **Polygonum cuspidatum** (=*Fallopia japonica*) (Japanese knotweed)
  - ◆ **Polygonum sachalinense** (Sakhalin knotweed, giant knotweed)
  - Potamogeton crispus** (curlyleaf pondweed)
  - ◆ **Retama monosperma** (bridal broom)

Moderate (continued)

- Rumex acetosella** (red sorrel, sheep sorrel)  
◆ *Sapium sebiferum* (Chinese tallowtree)  
**Sisymbrium irio** (London rocket)  
◆ *Spartina anglica* (common cordgrass)  
◆ *Stipa capensis* (Mediterranean steppegrass, twisted-awned speargrass)  
*Tanacetum vulgare* (common tansy)  
**Torilis arvensis** (hedgeparsley)  
**Trifolium hirtum** (rose clover)  
**Vinca major** (big periwinkle)  
**Vulpia myuros** (rattail fescue)  
◆ **Washingtonia robusta** (Mexican fan palm, Washington palm)

Limited

- Acacia melanoxylon** (black acacia, blackwood acacia)  
**Agrostis avenacea** (Pacific bentgrass)  
**Agrostis stolonifera** (creeping bentgrass)  
**Bassia hyssopifolia** (fivehook bassia)  
*Bellardia trixago* (bellardia)  
**Brassica rapa** (birdsrape mustard, field mustard)  
**Briza maxima** (big quackinggrass, rattlesnakegrass)  
**Bromus hordeaceus** (soft brome)  
**Cakile maritima** (European sea-rocket)  
**Cardaria pubescens** (hairy whitetop)  
*Carduus acanthoides* (plumeless thistle)  
**Carduus tenuifolius** (slenderflower thistle)  
**Conicosia pugioniformis** (narrowleaf iceplant)  
*Cordyline australis* (giant dracaena, New Zealand cabbage tree)  
**Cotula coronopifolia** (brassbuttons)  
**Crataegus monogyna** (English hawthorn)  
*Crocosmia crocosmiiflora* (montbretia)  
*Crupina vulgaris* (common crupina, bearded creeper)  
**Dactylis glomerata** (orchardgrass)  
**Descurainia sophia** (flixweed, tansy mustard)

*Digitalis purpurea* (foxglove)

**Echium candicans** (pride-of-Madeira)

**Erodium cicutarium** (redstem filaree)

**Eucalyptus camaldulensis** (red gum)

*Euphorbia oblongata* (oblong spurge)

*Helichrysum petiolare* (licoriceplant)

**Hypochaeris glabra** (smooth catsear)

*Iris pseudacorus* (yellowflag iris)

**Lobularia maritima** (sweet alyssum)

**Marrubium vulgare** (white horehound)

**Medicago polymorpha** (California burclover)

**Myosotis latifolia** (common forget-me-not)

**Olea europaea** (olive)

*Ononis alopecuroides* (foxtail restarrow)

**Parentucellia viscosa** (yellow

glandweed, sticky parentucellia)

**Pennisetum clandestinum** (kikuyugrass)

**Phoenix canariensis** (Canary Island date palm)

**Picris echioides** (bristly oxtongue)

**Piptatherum miliaceum** (smilograss)

**Plantago lanceolata** (buckhorn plantain, English plantain)

**Poa pratensis** (Kentucky bluegrass)

**Polypogon monspeliensis** and subspp.  
(rabbitfoot polypogon, annual beardgrass, rabbitfoot grass)

*Prunus cerasifera* (cherry plum, wild plum)

**Pyracantha angustifolia**, *P. crenulata*, *P. coccinea*, etc. (pyracantha, firethorn)

**Ranunculus repens** (creeping buttercup)

**Raphanus sativus** (radish)

**Ricinus communis** (castorbean)

**Robinia pseudoacacia** (black locust)

**Rumex crispus** (curly dock)

**Salsola paulsenii** (barbwire Russian-thistle)

**Salsola tragus** (Russian-thistle)

**Salvia aethiopis** (Mediterranean sage)

**Saponaria officinalis** (bouncingbet)

**Schinus molle** (Peruvian peppertree)

**Schinus terebinthifolius** (Brazilian peppertree)

**Schismus arabicus**, *S. barbatus*

(mediterraneangrass)

**Senecio jacobaea** (tansy ragwort)

Limited (continued)

***Silybum marianum* (blessed milkthistle)**

***Sinapis arvensis* (wild mustard,  
charlock)**

***Spartina patens* (saltmeadow cordgrass)**

***Tamarix aphylla* (athel tamarisk)**

***Undaria pinnatifida* (wakame)**

***Verbascum thapsus* (common mullein,  
woolly mullein)**

***Watsonia meriana* (bulbil watsonia)**

***Zantedeschia aethiopica* (calla lily)**